

Statement of the Chartered Banks of Canada.

Statistical Abstract for Month Ending February 28, 1910, giving Comparison of Principal Items, with Increase or Decrease for the Month and for the Year.

<i>Assets.</i>	Feb. 28, 1910	Jan. 31, 1910	Feb. 28, 1909.	Increase or Decrease for month, 1910.	Increase or Decrease for month, 1909.	Inc. or Dec. for year.
Specie and Dominion Notes	\$101,656,693	\$101,068,782	\$94,077,052	\$587,911 d.	\$ 377,255 i.	\$ 7,579,641
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks ..	36,926,404	37,899,263	25,346,263	d.	316,543 i.	11,580,141
Deposit to Secure Note Issues	4,040,206	4,551,566	4,051,149	d.	511,360	10,943
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured.	3,951,994	4,060,192	5,107,797	d.	108,198 i.	1,155,803
Deposits with and due other Bks. in Can.	7,417,547	7,369,444	10,416,084	d.	2,859 d.	2,998,537
Due from Banks, etc., in U. Kingdom...	9,473,183	15,697,876	10,523,249	d.	365,726 d.	1,050,066
Due from Banks, etc., elsewhere	22,287,987	31,338,591	25,949,737	d.	8,269,460 d.	3,661,750
Dominion & Prov. Securities	18,257,635	12,656,663	15,240,070	i.	39,529 i.	8,017,565
Can. Municipal, For. Pub. Securities.	21,776,900	22,428,114	20,590,405	d.	929,271 i.	1,186,495
Railway and other Bonds and Stocks.	53,989,609	51,843,318	49,349,203	i.	3,274,513 i.	4,640,406
Total Securities held	94,024,144	86,928,095	80,179,678	i.	4,164,255 i.	13,844,466
Call Loans in Canada	61,855,519	63,945,539	47,555,140	d.	2,090,020 i.	14,300,379
Call Loans outside Canada	120,374,681	127,934,890	101,443,902	d.	8,911,395 i.	18,900,779
Total Call and Short Loans	182,230,200	191,880,419	148,999,042	d.	12,166,981 i.	73,231,158
Current Loans and Disc'ts in Canada	602,454,539	590,984,344	507,349,748	i.	4,013,502 i.	95,104,791
Current Loans and Disc'ts outside...	42,403,784	37,865,549	35,055,266	i.	4,669,185 i.	7,348,518
Total Current Loans and Discounts...	644,858,323	628,849,893	542,405,014	i.	455,683 i.	102,453,309
Aggregate of Loans to Public	827,088,523	820,730,312	691,404,056	i.	12,622,64 i.	135,684,467
Loans to Dominion and Provincial Gov'ts.	2,765,082	2,273,482	6,620,087	i.	821,862 d.	3,855,005
Overdue Debts.	6,018,912	5,991,532	7,893,109	i.	103,704 d.	1,874,197
Bank Premises	21,954,822	21,825,568	18,592,895	i.	182,384 i.	3,361,627
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	1,819,812	1,789,257	2,259,228	i.	46,086 d.	439,416
Other Assets	8,889,190	7,840,293	7,920,049	i.	67,030 i.	969,141
TOTAL ASSETS	1,148,314,380	1,149,364,437	990,340,614	d.	7,469,948 i.	157,973,766
<i>Liabilities.</i>						
Notes in Circulation	74,686,443	73,378,676	67,343,359	i.	1,529,292 i.	7,338,084
Due to Dominion Government	8,524,657	5,699,911	4,807,562	i.	550,525 i.	3,717,095
Due to Provincial Governments	31,519,125	28,775,784	14,512,373	i.	7,880 i.	17,006,752
Deposits in Can. payable on demand	236,697,987	238,423,785	192,968,536	d.	317,929 d.	43,729,451
Dep'ts in Can. payable after notice.	507,307,733	508,207,804	441,390,540	d.	1,779,992 i.	65,917,193
Total Deposits of the Public in Canada	744,005,720	746,631,589	634,359,076	d.	2,097,921 i.	109,646,644
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada...	73,944,585	83,368,219	65,333,998	d.	8,740,852 i.	8,610,687
Total Deposits, other than Government...	817,950,405	829,999,808	699,693,074	d.	6,642,931 i.	118,257,331
Loans from other Banks in Canada....	4,047,413	4,139,791	5,346,941	d.	71,000 d.	1,299,528
Deposits by other Banks in Canada....	4,845,755	5,318,912	7,207,733	d.	421,386 d.	2,361,978
Due to Banks and Agencies in U. K.	3,190,054	2,476,995	2,606,671	i.	216,789 i.	583,383
Due to Banks and Agencies elsewhere...	4,583,341	4,184,834	3,337,629	i.	299,689 i.	1,245,712
Other Liabilities	9,851,943	8,051,687	5,753,618	i.	813,003 i.	4,098,325
TOTAL LIABILITIES	959,197,201	962,026,478	810,614,036	d.	8,450,912 i.	148,583,165
<i>Capital, etc.</i>						
Capital paid up	97,773,750	97,936,700	96,160,555	d.	376,432 i.	1,613,195
Reserve Fund	78,521,946	78,449,573	74,489,942	i.	95,243 i.	4,032,004
Liabilities of Directors and their firms...	10,883,678	10,388,435	9,866,112	i.	53,117 i.	1,017,566
Greatest Circulation in Month	75,782,649	80,974,584	68,061,816	d.	5,359,065 i.	7,720,833

BUSINESS EXPANSION AND THE BANKING TREND.

Commercial and financial activity is reflected clearly in the Canadian bank statement for the month of February. Current loans in Canada increased by about \$11,500,000 during the month, so that they total two and one-half millions above the \$600,000,000 mark; this is an increase of \$95,000,000 over a year ago, and is about \$15,000,000 above the 1907 high mark. In itself a loan expansion tends to create some corresponding growth in deposits—since loans to customers remain in large part as deposit credits to them. But despite the February expansion in current loans, at home and abroad, deposits of all classes show a falling-off—except in the case of government deposits, which increasing revenue tends to augment. Of course, there was some automatic cancelling of

deposits caused by the \$10,000,000 contraction in call loans—over \$7,500,000 of which were abroad. But, taking all classes of loans to the public, there was a net loan increase during February, of about \$6,500,000; while deposits at home and abroad (excluding government items) decreased nearly double that amount. This means that the increasing demands of trade, and the funds required in connection with the formation of new concerns and the flotation of their securities, not only caused a considerable loan expansion, but resulted in drawing heavily upon deposit accounts held at home and abroad. The withdrawal of \$1,725,000 Canadian "demand" deposits and of \$900,000 deposits "at notice," indicates that both for current trade needs and for investment purposes, surplus funds are now beginning to be drawn upon. From now on, the probability is that the demand for Canadian banking accommodation will steadily become greater—